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\$19.5 MILLION IN RECOVERY FUNDS APPROVED FOR TENNESSEE

NEEDY SENIORS AND FAMILIES TO RECEIVE HELP THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Governor Phil Bredesen today announced the approval of \$19.5 million in federal stimulus funding for Tennessee to help low income citizens weather these tough economic times. The funds are made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. The funds will flow through the Tennessee Department of Human Services and on to the [20 community action and human resource agencies](#) across the state and are targeted at low-income seniors, individuals with disabilities and families with very small children.

“Community Services Block Grant funds are a lifeline to our most vulnerable citizens,” said Governor Bredesen. “The additional dollars will help more families take care of the basics: putting food on the table, making this month’s rent or mortgage payment, or even buying diapers and baby formula for their children.”

The goal of the CSBG program is to provide services to eligible low-income individuals and families to improve the communities in which they live. A family or individual must be living at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (that’s \$27,562/year for a family of four). CSBG agencies will focus on five areas for their ARRA funding: nutrition (particularly food banks), employment, housing, health, and emergency services.

“DHS sees effects of this troubled economy every day, in every corner of the state,” said DHS Commissioner Gina Lodge. “The number of individuals and families applying for public assistance programs has risen greatly over the past year. We are so pleased that more help for vital services will be made available through the Recovery program and our local CSBG agencies.”

The CSBG Recovery Act provides \$1 billion in federal funds to be distributed nationally. Tennessee’s share is \$19.5 million. A breakdown by agency can be found on the following pages.

For more information on Tennessee’s Recovery efforts, visit: www.tnrecovery.gov .

For more information on the Recovery projects at DHS, visit : www.tn.gov/humanserv

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CSBG AGENCY**ALLOCATION AMOUNT**

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY 107 Shipe Street Clinton, TN 37716 (865) 457-5500 Serving Anderson County	\$228,194
BLOUNT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY 3509 Tuckaleechee Pike Maryville, Tennessee 37703 (865)983-8411 Serving Blount County www.blountcaa.org	\$303,359
BRADLEY-CLEVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY P.O. Box 3297, 155 Sixth Street, S.E. Cleveland, Tennessee 37320 (423) 479-4111 x 101 Serving Bradley County	\$292,934
CHATTANOOGA HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT 501 West 12th Street Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402 (423) 757-5538 Serving Hamilton County www.Chattanooga.gov/82_HumanServices.htm	\$877,700
CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 307 Clarksville, TN 37040 (931) 648-5774 www.cmccaa.com	\$388,740
DELTA HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY P. O. Box 634 - 915 Highway 51 South Covington, Tennessee 38019 (901) 476-5226 Serving Fayette, Lauderdale & Tipton Counties	\$407,428
DOUGLAS CHEROKEE ECONOMIC AUTHORITY 534 East First North Street Morristown, TN 37816 (423) 587-4500 Serving: Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Monroe & Sevier Counties www.ethra.org	\$1,023,895
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METRO ACTION COMMISSION 1624 5 TH Avenue North Nashville, Tennessee 37208 (615) 862-8860 Serving Davidson County www.nashville.gov/mac	\$1,829,860
MID-CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY 233 Legend Drive, Suite 103, P. O. Box 310 Lebanon, Tennessee 37088-0310 (615) 742-1113 or 1137 Serving Cheatham, Sumner, Trousdale, Rutherford, Robertson, Wilson & Williamson Counties www.mid-cumberlandcaa.com	\$1,444,335
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SHELBY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY 100 North Main, Suite 1300 Memphis, Tennessee 38103-0513 (901) 545-4630 Serving Shelby County www.shelbycountyttn.gov	\$3,551,575
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